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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KATHRYN TOWNSEND GRIFFIN, HELEN  
MCDONALD, and THE ESTATE OF CHERRIGALE  
TOWNSEND,

*Plaintiffs,*

-against-

EDWARD CHRISTOPHER SHEERAN, p/k/a ED  
SHEERAN, ATLANTIC RECORDING  
CORPORATION, d/b/a ATLANTIC RECORDS,  
SONY/ATV MUSIC PUBLISHING, LLC, and  
WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORPORATION, d/b/a  
ASYLUM RECORDS

*Defendants.*

ECF CASE

17-cv-5221 (LLS)

**NOTICE OF MOTION FOR  
BIFURCATION OF TRIAL**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that upon the accompanying Declaration of Donald S. Zakarin dated September 8, 2020, the accompanying Memorandum of Law, and all prior proceedings had herein, Defendants Edward Christopher Sheeran (“Sheeran”), Atlantic Recording Corporation (“Atlantic”) and Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC (“SATV”) will move this Court, before the Honorable Louis L. Stanton at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, Courtroom 21C, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York, 10007, on a date and time to be determined by the Court, for an Order bifurcating the trial of this action between liability and damages phases pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. 42(b).

The reasons and grounds for this motion are more fully described in the accompanying papers.

Oral argument, if any shall be directed by the Court, shall be held on a date and at a time designated by the Court.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 8, 2020

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